

# NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT

"Variety in Hunting and Fishing"

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TO: Governor John Hoeven  
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RE: Access survey

## Need:

The lack of scientifically valid information on access and nonresident issues is becoming more and more apparent. The interim legislative committee is gathering comments from individuals, everyone has an opinion and most opinions are based on anecdotal information.

## Currently Available Information:

Some of the best baseline data on this issue was collected in a 1996 in a study commissioned by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and conducted independently by Bluestem Incorporated and Precision Marketing. An apparent problem with this study was the lack of comparability as baseline information was unavailable.

## Proposal:

- The main focus would be to update the 1996 study and add contemporary issues.
- Form a steering committee of represented interested parties, Governors office; NDGF; Commerce; Tourism; Legislative Council and/or members of the Judiciary B committee. These groups all have a vested interest in and a need to be consistent on the States position on this issue, therefor all should have input in what new information is acquired.

## Time line:

November-early Dec - put together steering group.  
December - Meet with group to see what information is desired.  
January - Finalize research plan and questions, Tech. Group working with Winkelman consulting.  
February - Conduct research  
March - Draft report  
April - Final report

## Cost:

Contract A - Design time, meetings November December and January	7,500
Contract B - Conduct research and compile reports	<u>35,000</u>
Total	\$42,500